

Campaign Medal Instructions

SUBJECT>SUBJ: Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal*Implementing Instructions

A. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, dated 25 February 1995.

B. Public Law 108-234, dated 28 May 2004 and Executive Order 13363, dated 29 November 2004.

C. MILPER Message, DTG 17 March 2004, SUBJECT: Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Global War on Terrorism

Service Medal-Implementing Instructions.

1. Reference B established two new medals for members of the United States Armed Forces who serve or have served in the

countries of Afghanistan and Iraq in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) and IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF).

2. Effective 30 April 2005, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM) is no longer authorized to be awarded for service in Afghanistan and/or Iraq. However, the GWOTEM is still authorized for service in the other geographical areas

of eligibility, as outlined in Ref C.

3. Under no condition shall Soldiers receive more than one of the following; the ACM, ICM, GWOTEM, or the Armed Forces

Expeditionary Medal for the same act, time period or service.

4. Implementing criteria.

A. Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM):

(1) Authorized to be awarded to Soldiers who deploy to Afghanistan in direct support of OEF on or after 24 October 2001 to a

date to be determined or the cessation of OEF.

(2) The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the country of Afghanistan and all air spaces above the land.

(3) To be eligible for the ACM, a Soldier must be assigned or attached to a unit participating in OEF for 30 consecutive days

or for 60 nonconsecutive days in Afghanistan or meet one of the following criteria:

(a) Be engaged in actual combat against the enemy and under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action, regardless of the time in Afghanistan.

(b) while participating in OEF or on official duties, regardless of time, is killed or wounded/injured requiring medical

evacuation from Afghanistan.

(c) while participating as a regularly assigned air crewmember flying sorties into, out of, within, or over Afghanistan in

direct support of OEF; each day that one or more sorties are flown IAW the criteria shall count as one day towards the 30

consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive day requirement.

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(4) Service members qualified for the GWOTEM by reasons of service between 24 October 2001 and 30 April 2005, in Afghanistan,

shall remain qualified for the medal. Any such Soldier may be awarded the ACM in lieu of the GWOTEM for such service.

Additionally, any such Soldier authorized the arrowhead device may be awarded the ACM with arrowhead device in lieu of the

GWOTEM with arrowhead device (see paragraphs 7 and 9 below). No Soldier shall be entitled to both medals for the same, act,

achievement or period of service.

(5) Only one award of the ACM may be authorized for any individual. Service stars are not prescribed.

B. Iraqi Campaign Medal (ICM):

(1) Authorized to be awarded to Soldiers who deploy to Iraq in direct support of OIF on or after 19 March 2003 to a date to

be determined or the cessation of OIF.

(2) The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the country of Iraq, and the contiguous water area out to 12

nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land area of Iraq and above the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles.

(3) To be eligible for the ICM, a Soldier must be assigned or attached to a unit participating in OIF for 30 consecutive days

or for 60 nonconsecutive days in Iraq or meet one of the following criteria:

(a) Be engaged in actual combat against the enemy and under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action, regardless of the time in Iraq.

(b) While participating in OIF or on official duties, regardless of time, is killed or wounded/injured requiring medical

evacuation from Iraq.

(c) While participating as a regularly assigned air crew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over Iraq in direct

support of OIF; each day that one or more sorties are flown IAW the criteria shall count as one day towards the 30

consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive day requirement.

(4) Service members qualified for the GWOTEM by reasons of service between 19 March 2003 and 30 April 2005, in Iraq, shall

remain qualified for the medal. Any such Soldier may be awarded the ICM in lieu of the GWOTEM for such service. Additionally,

any such Soldier authorized the arrowhead device may be awarded the ICM with arrowhead device in lieu of the GWOTEM with

arrowhead device (see FINAL SECTION OF 2 QQQQ paragraphs 7 and 9 below). No Soldier shall be entitled to both

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medals for the same, act, achievement or period of service.

(5) Only one award of the ICM may be authorized for any individual. Service stars are not prescribed.

5. Both the ACM and ICM may be awarded posthumously to any Soldier who lost his/her life while, or as a direct result of,

participating in qualifying operations, without regard to length of such service, if otherwise eligible.

6. In order of precedence the ACM will be worn before the ICM and both shall directly follow the Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM)

(i.e., KCM, ACM, ICM, GWOTEM, etc.).

7. Effective immediately, Battalion Commanders and Commanders of separate units are authorized to award the ACM and/or ICM to qualified personnel. Permanent orders are not, repeat, are not required. Military Personnel Divisions/Personnel Service

Centers (MPD/PSC) will update personnel qualification records using this message as authority. Additional instructions are as

follows:

A. MPD/PSC must ensure that if the ACM and/or ICM are awarded, the GWOTEM is removed from the Soldiers' records in accordance

with paragraphs 4A(4) and 4B(4) above.

B. Members of the Army Reserve and National Guard should contact their current Records Custodian to validate the wear of the

award and to have their records updated.

C. Authorized abbreviations used to annotate section VIII of the ORB/ERB and item 9 of the DA Form 2-1, and submission codes

to update the ORB/ERB are as follows:

DECODE DATA CODE ORB/ERB

ACM CASAWDAI ACM

ICM CASAWDIR ICM

8. IAW paragraph 1-44 of Ref A, Commanders may submit requisitions for available medals through normal supply channels.

Medals are available for requisition in the supply system.

ACM 8455-01-527-8027

ICM 8455-01-527-8023

9. Requests for award of the ACM and/or ICM to veterans, retirees, or their next of kin.

A. Soldiers who retired or were discharged in the past 90 to 120 days will submit request for award of the ACM and/or ICM to Commander, US. Army Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471. Requests

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should include a copy of the DD Form 214 and any supporting documents to substantiate service. Where appropriate, the ACM

and/or ICM will be added to and the GWOTEM will be removed from the DD Form 214 by issuance of a DD Form 215 (Correction to

DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), as outlined in paragraphs 4A(4) and 4B(4) above.

B. Soldiers who retired or were discharged over 120 days will submit their request to the National Personnel Records Center

(NPRC),

http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military_personnel_records/awards_and_decorations.html, in St. Louis,

MO. NPRC's address is National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Requests should include

a copy of the DD Form 214 and any supporting documentation to substantiate service as outlined in paragraphs 4A and 4B above.

Where appropriate, the ACM and/or ICM will be added to and the GWOTEM will be removed from the DD Form 214 by issuance of a

DD Form 215, as outlined in paragraphs 4A(4) and 4B(4) above.

10. Questions reference this message can be sent to the Military Awards Branch via email at awards@hoffman.army.mil.